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- 1. The Alcohol and Tobacco Monopoly (MAT) maintains 16 wine depots and four vinegar depots in Bucharest. One wine depot for top qualities is located at 2 Strada Banului near Calea Victoriei, next to the Ministry of Finance, in the wine cellars formerly belonging to Prince Stirbei. The personnel consists of 30 workers, four clerks, and four guards, two of whom live on the premises.
- The following stocks are kept in the Strada Banului depot:
 - a. Wine 500,000 liters in barrels.
 - b. Spirits 100,000 liters (Tuica, Drojdie, Rachiuri).
 - c. Brandy -- 20,000 liters in barrels and bottles.
 - d. Branded wines -- 100,000 bottles, for export and sale to foreign embassies.

The wine comes from Panciu, Odobesti, Arad and Medias.

3. The Soviet Embassy receives 100 bottles of brandy and 100 bottles of wine monthly, but part of this is said to be distributed to other embassies.

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